HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

AGENDA

OCTOBER 15, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

Brookside School, 1260 Meadowbrook Rd. N. Merrick, NY 11566

I. Good & Welfare

II. Attendance

III. Review and approval of agenda with the right to re-order APPROVED

IV. Approval of High School Association June minutes APPROVED

V. Presentation

a. Field Turf, AJ McCabe- 45 schools in Nassau County already have Field Turf by Tarkett Sports products already installed. Replacing the LandTek contract for our region. Replacement, maintenance, and groomings will offer competitive pricing and warrant work. Free maintenance training for grounds and facilities crew.

b. Whistle Stop- WhistleStop is a wearable game- and action-clock management system designed for sports officials and umpires to sync timing rules directly from the field or court including vibrate indicators for officials. Runs on radio waves, officials wear belt packs. Separate versions for each sport, currently available for baseball/softball, basketball (not shot clock), soccer, lacrosse, football. Varsity package is one system for all sports. Can be used with multiple scoreboard systems. Willing to host clinics for officials. Schools have to purchase and provide devices and provide them to the officials. Box includes, access point, 4 waistpacks, connection cords, charging cords for packs. $3500 lease for a 3-5 year contract, will consider section VIII price if entire section buy-ins, bumper to bumper warranty on all devices. Registered for BOCES.

VI. Section VIII Report……Pat Pizzarelli - Executive Director

a. Pat Pizzarelli

i. Please keep Grace, Nick and Regina in your thoughts. Thank you Laurie for stepping up!

ii. No play dates- page 39 in Section Handbook. If traveling off Long Island (city and suffolk included)- can participate in contests.

iii. Start times- must be realistic with start times due to late fees. 20 minutes past start time, the district (which caused lateness) will be issued a late fee. Speak to your coaches regarding warm up times and the Section must be notified if the Official asked to delay starting to acquire a fee. Need to manage realistic start time to account for busing issues for each district.

iv. State Championship- if college dorms are part of the state championship accommodations, that is where schools will be booked. If a school district wants to make other accommodations it is at their cost. Request to have reps bring up to State meeting: equity of sports being permitted to submit bids with hotels and dorms. For example, girls lacrosse staying in hotels and boys lacrosse staying in dorms.
    1. Motion: For a vote to have our State Representatives speak on behalf of our membership body to bring our concerns to the State Level regarding hotels and dorm accommodations. Present the option that Dorms and Hotel options need to be part of the proposal. The section covers the cost of dorms, schools will be charged the additional fee for hotels. APPROVED
v. USC Summit- thank you to the committee and Eric for the best Summit yet.
vi. Ejections- Yellow cards in soccer, same offense in first and second half.
vii. InsideOut- promote coaching seminars.
viii. Representation Waivers- must be submitted PRIOR to the league contest. Submit form in advance even if you do not have clearance yet so paperwork is in process.

b. Justin Jonas
    i. Playoffs/Game of Weeks. Thank you to sport coordinators regarding playoff information.
    ii. Sport Sponsors are returning for football, baseball, flag football and cross country. New sponsors for boys and girls soccer and boys and girls basketball. Share sponsorship ideas with Section.
    iii. Modified schedules will be released soon and notifications will be coming out soon. Nassau community track possibility for indoor Modified track meets. More information to follow.
    iv. Appeals for Sportsmanship- must complete form prior to appeal.
        1. Athletes having phones on the bench. Not permitted and can be subject to ejection.
    v. Varsity Media/NFHS has all rights to playoff livestreaming. Schools may record but cannot livestream any playoffs games at neutral sites. First round higher seed rounds permitted.
    vi. State playoff forms for busing need to be submitted as soon as possible. Regionals to section 1/9 are not overnight trips unless very early game, call Section.
    vii. Dropped teams or last minute cancellations-Section cannot delay drop because lose the ability to reassign officials to other games. AD should contact the teams immediately impacted in advance to give them time to find games before drop.
    viii. Please share Conference meeting dates with Pat and Justin so they can attend.

VII. Fall Sport Coordinators……

a. Boys Badminton- Regular season concluded. Congratulations to all Conference Champs! Individual champions this Saturday at Plainview.

b. Game Day Cheer- November 1st- county finals at Farmingdale State College. Moving forward score sheets will be private to avoid sheets getting shared accidentally to none participating parties. Must get coaches & AD emails to the Coordinator.
c. Cross Country (B/G)- Only 30 bibs need to be replaced this year, thank you for your help. Congratulations to all Division Champions and Conference Champions! County championship on October 31.
d. Field Hockey- "Adelphi cannot accommodate our Field Hockey Final games and the FH committee is investigating alternate sites. We have some possible sites lined up but need volunteer sites for Friday Oct 30th. Please contact me, Barb, if you can help out. At this time, the ALL THREE LIC games will be on Tuesday Nov 3. ALL DATES, TIMES AND SITES WILL BE RELEASED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE"
e. Football- Coaches meeting last night. Some reminders- leagueminder ratings must be entered for both Varsity and JV. JVs must notify opposents as early as possible so they can find games if possible. Week 9 games- multiple teams did not play last year. Teams must commit to Week 9 games after this weekend's games.
f. Boys Golf- the fall boys season is finishing up. All matches are complete. Please remind all coaches that scores must be entered. Slope and rating must be entered. Once all scores are entered, I will send out which golfers qualified for the county tournament. Boys tournament Tuesday May 25th-7am-Bethpage-Blue Course. Wednesday May 26th 7am Bethpage Red Course. Integrity of the game- lots of calls/texts-cheating. Way to correct- coaches ride between groups 1 & 2 instead of riding behind them.
g. Boys Soccer- Regular season concluded. No play in games this season, playoffs start Tuesday. Congratulations to all Conference Champions! Recommendation for starting time for earlier round playoffs is 2pm/2:30pm. Supervisors are needed at all games and neutral sites. Seeding meeting is tonight, brackets will be available tomorrow.
h. Girls Soccer- Season ends on Friday. Brackets will be available after that. Thank you to Jennifer for all her help with getting the majority of playoff games at Farmingdale State College.
i. Girls Swimming- No Report
j. Girls Tennis- Small school finals today, Large school finals tomorrow. Great individual tournament for singles and doubles- Finals moved to this Sunday due to last weekend's weather. Please have coaches report scores, rosters and reschedule games as soon as possible so there is no delay in season progression.
k. Boys Volleyball-SemiFinals at neutral site for higher seed. More information to follow.
l. Girls Volleyball- Meeting is October 26th. Semifinals at higher seed. County finals at Farmingdale State College.
m. Unified Sports- Bocce just completed their first season! One team is needed for Unified Bowling, please reach out to Pat if you have interest in either program.

VIII. Unity Summit……. Eric Caballero

a. Thank you for participating in the Summit.

IX. NYSPHSAA Report…….Jennifer Keane/Mike Bongino

a. Voted last meeting, go next week and will bring back information to the next meeting.

X. Report from Male and Female Vice Presidents…….Jennifer Keane/Matt McLees

a. JV philosophy for schools that do not have Varsity for consecutive years. Discussed in New Business.

XI. Conference Reports…….

I- Bowling Approved, Boys Lacrosse- discussion only, were fans of power league. JV discussion regarding no varsity programs.

II- Boys Lax- Motion- unanimously approved. Ability within enrollment, Teams pick up non-league games (up to 10 games),How do non-league games count towards playoffs,Please follow up with your lax coach to check the status of non-league games and schedules.Scheduling of officials non-league vs. league.

Boys Golf (Anthony)- Follow up with Fall Golf Coaches, Accurate score keeping- integrity of the sport, Spring Golf Overview- Next.

Spring Track and Field (not official), Division Championships, Division 2A and 2B meets - 5 PM on May 11 at Calhoun / Roslyn, County Championships,Class AA – 3PM on May 24 at Hewlett, Frosh/Soph Meet North Shore, 5 PM on May 19 at Herricks, Frosh/Soph Meet South Shore, 5 PM on May 20 at VSN

Unfinished Business, Crossover Football, Mixed reaction, Generally positive, "State of your…." Football team-B JFK- Very good, Baldwin, Jericho, Roosevelt.

New Business Go Fan Sarah Atherton, sarah.atherton@playonsports.com (used for security purposes to fill out QR code prior to attending)

Soccer Red Cards-What Red Cards do we remove a player from the bench area, Double yellow, Stopping the ball going into the goal with your hand vs. punching a kid.

Sportsmanship Appeal Forms- $250 fee?

III- election day offerings, Kickball Tournament at Long Beach, Bowling approved, Massapequa lanes update request.

IV- Bowling alignment concerns with scoring and lineups due to conditions, boys lacrosse not enough leagues games, officials girls league should get preference over boys non-leagues games.

XII. **<u>Sport Overviews</u>**

a. Boys Lacrosse- powerleague was successful although some problems for lower seeds. Overvalued the powerleague. To eliminate that now will be ability based with enrollment within. Four classifications, small number of league games but powerpoints will be weighted into playoff bids. Opens non-leagues for competitive games that will not impact playoffs. Coaches all were in favor of this lineup and successfully made non-leagues at coaches meetings. Playoff criteria is based on 6 game power points scores, very few ties but tie breaker is head to head then

preseason seed rank (because of a harder schedule). Concern- JV not having enough games under this structure. JV has not been decided yet as JV grouping is being considered. Officials are prioritized for league games over non-league games. All non-leaugues must be entered by Section due date. Two section VIII teams playing non-league games will get preference for officials over a section VIII games versus non section VIII teams.

i. Motion: To approve varsity boys lacrosse overview APPROVED
ii. Motion: The deadline for submitting all non-league contests on leagueminder is December 1st for varsity boys lacrosse. APPROVED
iii. Motion:

b. Boys Tennis- one appeal that was denied. 6 conference straight ability for Spring 2028 and Fall 2027 for girls. Must play the next available date to prevent the delay of the post season. Coaches must be told that Saturday is an option for games.
c. Girls Lacrosse- Changed alignments going from four conferences to five. All 51 teams will be ranked. First 9 in 1, next 9 in 2, conference 3 will be 3a & 3b, remaining 9 teams in conference 4. Conference 1 & 2 everyone makes playoffs, 3a & 3b conference champions qualify for playoffs. Conference 4 undefeated conference champions to qualify. Conference 1 & 2 will play crossovers and 3a & 3b will also crossover. Conference 4 no cross over. Discussion- inconsistent and creates unfair approach at fundamental level.
    i. Discussion- individual school districts need to have program audits as teams dropping teams are impacting other programs. Collaboration with Superintendents is key and is being advocated by the President of their unit. No system that works perfectly for all sports as there are multiple layers which impact what works best for the sports, not individual teams. Recommendation is a joint committee of Superintendents and Athletic Directors.

Approval of Sport Alignment/Schedules

Boys Winter Track	Dennis Kornfield	APPROVED
Girls Winter Track	Kristen Frazer	APPROVED
Bowling	Eileen Shultis from May	APPROVED
Bowling	Brian Landini from May	APPROVED
Comp Cheer	Jennifer Keane	APPROVED

XIII. **Standing Committees**

Appeals — Dave Viegas
a. No Report

Awards — Mike Scaturro
b. Teams must order extra shirts through BSN Rep

By-Laws & Policies — Dave Zawatson
c. No Report

Student Athlete Development — Pat Maguire
d. No Report

Modified Athletics — Cathleen Morra
e. Approved boy/girls basketball modification rules to meet 4 quarters rules. Email sent out explaining all rule changes.

i. Motion: Boys and Girls Lacrosse and flag football to play 4 quarters/4 quarter extended based on players, no A/B roster and no other restrictions. APPROVED

Nominations Don Lang

f. Middle School WInter/Spring Track

g. Nominations committee member

h. Kru Patel- Boys Badminton Coordinator APPROVED

Safety Committee Jennifer Keane

i. Report at the next meeting.

Sportsmanship Justin Jonas

j. No Report

Team Up for Unity Kru Patel

k. No Report

Sport Seasons Michael Brostowski

l. No Report

Officials Peter Cardone

m. OCC Tuesday night meeting with all associations, Fencing has a new President. Volleyball table concerns on how many people work the table, stand not being property secured. Officials were told to withdraw from any games assigned with conflict of interest. Will be tracking ejections by official names. If officials ask to wait to start to get late, fees need to be reported to Section.

Championship Advisory Ed Ramirez

n. No Report

Combining of Team Report Mike Pelan

o. No Report

Classification Committee John Kostkowicz

p. No Report

Ethics Tom Lehman

q. No Report

XIV. **Association Reports**

NYSAAA Eric Caballero/Anthony Brancato

a. No Report

COA Tom Lehman

b. COA google form will be emailed out.

XV. **Unfinished Business**

a. Clarify Red Cards in Soccer and leaving the playing field

i. Two yellows in soccer are ejected from that game. You are supposed to leave the site regardless if it's double yellow or red.

b. Clarify home and away teams' responsibility

i. Home games shouldn't be an issue. Away games, the supervisor or assistant coach should be escorting and staying with them on the bus. If no supervisor/coach is available, they can be released to parents and leave the facility. If no options are available, ADs should contact each other to develop a plan. Will be discussed at the

Superintendent meeting and AC agenda. Will explore treating 5 fouls in basketball where you need to sit at the end of the bench.

XVI. **New Business**

a. JV Teams and years competing at that level without moving up to varsity
   i. There are some JV teams that are remaining at that level for 3-4 consecutive years without making any attempt to progress to Varsity. Discussion- setting a designated amount of years before they must attempt a varsity level team. They would be able to appeal to go back to JV after the season.
b. JV Teams scheduling
   i. Tabled to the next meeting.
c. Cell Phones on the bench during contests
   i. Students are not permitted to have cell phones (other than when being used for medical devices) and are subject to ejection as a violation.

XVII. **Announcements**

All announcements must be written and given to Shannon McEntee, Secretary

Next Meeting
November 19, 2026